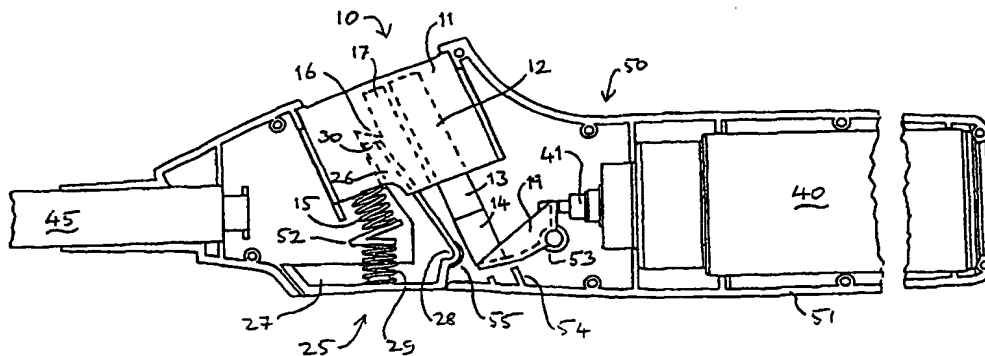


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(57) Abstract

A gas lighting rod comprises a gas release valve (41) and a piezo-electric igniting system (14) both operated by a spring-loaded operating member (10), and a spring-loaded safety member (25) which has to be operated to release the operating member. The operating member (10) is aligned transversely and the safety member (25) comprises a pivoted lever having a lock/release arm (26) extending generally along the axis of the operating member (10) and interacting therewith and a control arm (27) engaged on the other side of the pivot (28, 55) and from the opposite side of the lighting rod from the operating member (10). The lock-release arm (26) is substantially enclosed within the operating member, and its end is sloped such that its engagement with the operating member (10) tends to urge it into the locked position if the user attempts to operate the operating member without first fully operating the safety member.

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